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conduction
convection
cosmic strings
dense matter
diffusion
elementary particles
equation of state
gravitation
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instabilities
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line: identification
line: profiles
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(magnetohydrodynamics) MHD
masers
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molecular processes
nuclear reactions, nucleosynthesis, abundances
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polarization
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radiation mechanisms: thermal
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scattering
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turbulence
waves

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atmospheric effects
balloons
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instrumentation: interferometers
instrumentation: miscellaneous
instrumentation: photometers
instrumentation: polarimeters
instrumentation: spectrographs
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methods: data analysis
methods: laboratory
methods: miscellaneous
methods: numerical
methods: observational
methods: statistical
site testing
space vehicles
techniques: image processing
techniques: interferometric
techniques: miscellaneous
techniques: photometric
techniques: polarimetric
techniques: radar astronomy
techniques: radial velocities
techniques: spectroscopic
telescopes

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catalogues
surveys

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celestial mechanics, stellar dynamics
eclipses
ephemerides
occultations
reference systems
time

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Sun: abundances
Sun: activity
Sun: atmosphere
Sun: chromosphere
Sun: corona
Sun: evolution
Sun: faculae, plages
Sun: filaments
Sun: flares
Sun: fundamental parameters
Sun: general
Sun: granulation
Sun: infrared
Sun: interior
Sun: magnetic fields
Sun: oscillations
Sun: particle emission
Sun: photosphere
Sun: prominences
Sun: radio radiation
Sun: rotation
(Sun:) solar–terrestrial relations
(Sun:) solar wind
(Sun:) sunspots
Sun: transition region
Sun: UV radiation
Sun: X-rays, gamma-rays

Solar system

comets: general
comets: individual:...
Earth
interplanetary medium
meteors, meteoroids
minor planets, asteroids
Moon
planets and satellites: general
planets and satellites: individual:...
Solar system: formation
Solar system: general

Stars

stars: abundances
stars: activity
stars: AGB and post-AGB
stars: atmospheres
(stars:) binaries *(including multiple)*: close
(stars:) binaries: eclipsing
(stars:) binaries: general
(stars:) binaries: spectroscopic
(stars:) binaries: symbiotic
(stars:) binaries: visual
(stars:) blue stragglers
stars: carbon
stars: chemically peculiar
stars: chromospheres
(stars:) circumstellar matter
stars: coronae
stars: distances
stars: early-type
stars: emission-line, Be
stars: evolution
stars: flare
stars: formation
stars: fundamental parameters *(classification, colours, luminosities, masses, radii, temperatures, etc.)*
stars: general
(stars:) Hertzsprung–Russell (HR) diagram
stars: horizontal branch
stars: imaging
stars: individual:...
stars: interiors
stars: kinematics
stars: late-type
stars: low-mass, brown dwarfs
stars: luminosity function, mass function
stars: magnetic fields
stars: mass-loss
stars: neutron
(stars:) novae, cataclysmic variables
stars: oscillations *(including pulsations)*
stars: peculiar *(except chemically peculiar)*
(stars:) planetary systems
stars: Population II
stars: pre-main-sequence
(stars:) pulsars: general
(stars:) **pulsars: individual:...**
stars: rotation
stars: statistics
(stars:) subdwarfs
(stars:) supergiants
(stars:) supernovae: general
(stars:) **supernovae: individual:...**
(stars: variables:) Cepheids
(stars: variables:) δ Scuti
stars: variables: other
(stars:) white dwarfs
stars: Wolf–Rayet

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ISM: abundances
ISM: atoms
ISM: bubbles
ISM: clouds
(ISM:) cosmic rays
(ISM:) dust, extinction
ISM: general
ISM: globules
(ISM:) H II regions
ISM: individual:...
(except planetary nebulae)
ISM: jets and outflows
ISM: kinematics and dynamics
ISM: magnetic fields
ISM: molecules
(ISM:) planetary nebulae: general
(ISM:) **planetary nebulae: individual:...**
(ISM:) reflection nebulae
ISM: structure
(ISM:) supernova remnants

The Galaxy

Galaxy: abundances
Galaxy: centre
Galaxy: evolution
Galaxy: formation
Galaxy: fundamental parameters
Galaxy: general
(Galaxy:) globular clusters: general
(Galaxy:) **globular clusters: individual:...**
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Galaxy: kinematics and dynamics
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Galaxy: stellar content
Galaxy: structure

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galaxies: active
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(galaxies:) **BL Lacertae objects: individual:...**
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galaxies: clusters: individual:...
galaxies: compact
(galaxies:) cooling flows
galaxies: distances and redshifts
galaxies: elliptical and lenticular, cD
galaxies: evolution
galaxies: formation
galaxies: fundamental parameters
(classification, colours, luminosities, masses, radii, etc.)
galaxies: general
galaxies: haloes
galaxies: individual:...
galaxies: interactions
(galaxies:) intergalactic medium
galaxies: ISM
galaxies: irregular
galaxies: jets
galaxies: kinematics and dynamics
(galaxies:) Local Group
galaxies: luminosity function, mass function
(galaxies:) Magellanic Clouds
galaxies: magnetic fields
galaxies: nuclei
galaxies: peculiar
galaxies: photometry
(galaxies:) quasars: absorption lines
(galaxies:) quasars: emission lines
(galaxies:) quasars: general
(galaxies:) **quasars: individual:...**
galaxies: Seyfert
galaxies: spiral
galaxies: starburst
galaxies: star clusters
galaxies: statistics
galaxies: stellar content
galaxies: structure

Cosmology

(cosmology:) cosmic microwave background
cosmology: miscellaneous
cosmology: observations
cosmology: theory
(cosmology:) dark matter
(cosmology:) diffuse radiation
(cosmology:) distance scale
(cosmology:) early Universe
(cosmology:) gravitational lensing
(cosmology:) large-scale structure of Universe

Sources as a function of wavelength

gamma-rays: bursts
gamma-rays: observations
gamma-rays: theory
infrared: galaxies
infrared: general
infrared: ISM: continuum
infrared: ISM: lines and bands
infrared: Solar system
infrared: stars
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radio continuum: general
radio continuum: ISM
radio continuum: Solar system
radio continuum: stars
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radio lines: general
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radio lines: Solar system
radio lines: stars
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